



Media Release

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Precautionary boil water notice for Springfield - Selwyn District Council

Residents on Selwyn District Council's Springfield water supply are advised to begin boiling water.

The Council has issued a precautionary boil water notice following recent heavy rainfall which has increased the turbidity of this water supply.

No E.coli has been detected in the water supply. However as result of the increased turbidity, the Council cannot guarantee that the water is safe to drink and has issued a precautionary boil water notice.

The water supply was initially shut off yesterday, but has now been reinstated, although with temporarily reduced storage levels. The water supply will appear discoloured.

The Springfield water supply serves a population of approximately 550.

When a boil water notice is in place, the Ministry of Health advises that people should boil or treat all water from taps before drinking, brushing teeth or using it in food preparation. In addition, water used to make ice should also be boiled before freezing.

Bringing water to the boil is sufficient to kill all bugs (water does not require prolonged boiling). Water needs to be boiled even if the smell or taste of chlorine is present. If it is not possible to boil water, treat it by adding 1 teaspoon of household bleach per 10 litres of water and leave for 30 minutes.

During boil water notices, employers should also make sure their staff are only consuming boiled or bottled water at work.

Residents will need to continue to boil water until notified that the boil water notice is lifted. It is likely to be in place for several days. Anyone showing any symptoms of sickness should visit their doctor as soon as they are able to.

The Council will continue to monitor the intake and reticulation system and keep residents informed of any updates.

Any updates to this notice will be posted online at www.selwyn.govt.nz.